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Attorney Docket No. STK-071 CPA

Applicant(s)

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For

IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF FOR

REPAIR OF ENDOCHONDRAL BONE AND OSTEOCHONDRAL DEFECTS

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Box CPA Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

> REQUEST FOR FILING A RULE 53(d) CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a \mathbf{X} continuation, \square divisional, application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)), of pending prior Application No. 08/822,186, filed March 20, 1997.

- 1. Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed ______ in Application No. _____.
- 2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 3. \square This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

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4. X The filing fee is calculated below:

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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION

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| BASIC FEE | | 1. | | | | | | | \$ | 710.00 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 29 | _ | 20 | = | 9 | х | \$ 18 | = | \$ | 162.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 5 | - | 3 | = | 2 | х | \$ 80 | | \$ | 160.00 |
| MULTIPLE DE | PENDENT CLA | AIMS | | | | + | \$270 | =, | \$ | 0.00 |
| | | | · | - | | | * | TOTAL | \$ | 1,032.00 |

- 5. X A check in the amount of \$ 1,032.00 in payment of the filing fee is enclosed.
- 6. Please charge \$ ____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
- 7. This application is being filed unaccompanied by a filing fee. The appropriate filing fee will be paid in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
- 8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
- 9. \mathbf{X} The power of attorney in prior Application No. 08/822,186 is to:

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- 9a. 🔀 The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- 9b.

 Because the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- 9c. Because the undersigned's power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the undersigned's power in the prior application is enclosed.

10. 🔀 Address all future communications to:

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